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Pair set their sights high for charity

ANNA **SAVVA**
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A MAN from Ely, who has had operations on both hips, is planning to trek to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with the aid of walking sticks.

Personal trainer Tim Megginson, 29, has set his sights higher after reaching Mount Everest base camp last year,

Tim will be joined on his latest trek on June 4 by a colleague at Body Shape Fitness, Charley Allen, 29.

Charley will be raising money for Alzheimer's Research, inspired by her grandfather who has vascular dementia. Tim will be raising money for Arthritis Research UK.

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Having suffered from the degenerative joint condition for nearly a decade, Tim hopes this even steeper feat will inspire others with arthritis to overcome their fears and lead an active life.

He said: "We are both very excited to climb and undergo a strict training routine of six days-a-week gym-based strength training, combined with long walks to build walking endurance for the mountain trek.

"It's bigger this time, it's another 6,000 metres but it's steeper than the last one and a faster climb.

"It's a different type of challenge because the last one was quite a gruelling, long trek and a little more cold. This one is going to go higher, quicker and there is less success getting to the top.

"It's going to be a painful experience, it's not going to be easy. I am going to have to use walking sticks."

Surgeons operated on Tim's hip joints after he developed arthritis in his early 20s, fitting a screw in the left to hold it together and reshaping the right.

It will take eight days to complete the gruelling trek and Tim wants to raise as much money and awareness for the charity as he can.

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SHOWTIME: Visitors enjoy the 4D cinema

Trip is choc full of sweet treats

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A CHILDREN'S charity provided local youngsters with a golden ticket opportunity to visit a chocolate factory.

Little Miracles, based in Ely, took a coachful of chocolate fans and their families to Cadbury World in Bournville, Birmingham, as a special Easter treat.

The day out was designed to provide the additional support needs that often prevent the children, who have autism and other disabilities, from attending many mainstream attractions.

Operations manager Justin Heron said: "It was great to provide another successful external event for the families that we assist and Cadbury World were excellent support as always in planning the day and overcoming obstacles.

"It is always a pleasure to provide help and support in this way to so many children and families in the local area.

"We as always extend a huge amount of thanks to the different venues we work with and all the fundraising and local commercial support that takes place to allow us to deliver these projects and help make a difference in our own way."

The charity also seeks to organise quirky events that families may not ordinarily be able to take advantage of, due to lack of confidence, independence, or financial means.

For Little Miracles inclusion is all important as it aims to create an environment where children can be themselves, without judgment, and build social skills in the process.

DAY OUT: Youngsters having fun at Cadbury World

Parent Alex Knowles, of Ely, said: "My four children had an amazing time seeing how their favourite chocolate bars are made and getting to try lots of different things.

"Cadbury World and their staff were brilliant and we were all thoroughly entertained with the chocolate factory tour, 4D cinema, rides, magic show and one of the biggest playgrounds I have seen.

"I also can't thank Little Miracles enough for all they do assisting children with additional needs."

Mum Laura Gibbons, from Witchford, said: "The amazing trips organised by Little Miracles give us as a family the opportunity to experience days out that otherwise would not be possible – from a relaxed coach trip to the venue, to arranging disabled access passes, which are priceless for someone who is unable to queue, to everyone who is part of Little Miracles looking out for each other during the day."

"It is an amazing organisation."

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An egg-ceptional Easter down on the farm

HAT'LL DO NICELY: The Mad Hatter helps Teddy Woricker, 2, feed one of the lambs Pictures: Keith Jones

WHEELY GOOD FUN: Noah Gomes, 2, in the driving seat

GENTLY DOES IT: Volunteer Claire Martin introduces a bearded dragon to Liza, 10, Matilda, 6, and Verity, 5

WONDERFUL DAY OUT: Lylha Vale, 7, meets Alice in Wonderland

SAMAR **MAGUIRE**
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THOUSANDS of families took part in an egg-straordinary Easter celebration at a Cambridgeshire farm.

South Angle Farm in Soham marked the festive season with an Easter egg hunt, lamb feeding, and a whimsical *Alice in Wonderland* themed activity.

Children were invited to "jump down a rabbit hole" and have tea with the Mad Hatter, play croquet with the Queen of Hearts, race a dodo and discover mysteries.

Farm manager David Woricker told the *News*: "It's been fantastic – we've had an 'egg-ceptionally' busy Easter, with nearly 2,000 visitors in the last two weeks.

"The lambs were the most popular part of it, with the baby chicks and the Alice in Wonderland themed story trail. It's been very interactive.

"We'd love to thank our whole team, who are mostly volunteers."

The next event will be a superhero themed weekend on May 13-14.

For more information, visit *http://www.southanglefarm-park.co.uk/*

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Shaun's advice to rider Freddy

SAMAR **MAGUIRE**
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A FORMER footballer who lost both of his lower legs in a crash last year has offered his support to injured jockey Freddy Tylicki.

Shaun Whiter, 28, who is about to embark on a 150-mile cycle with a hand-bike nine months after a hit-and-run incident, was sorry to hear of Freddy's accident but is confident he will adapt – even more so if he has learned to ask for help.

Freddy became paralysed from the waist down after a horrific horse racing accident in October last year.

After being asked about Freddy and any advice he had to offer the rider, Shaun told the *News*: "After I had my accident, there was pride involved. I wouldn't want to ask for help – even for things like picking something up. But what I learned is that if something needs picking up, it may take you 10 minutes – but it'll take your partner less than 30 seconds. You learn to say yes and thank you to people when they offer to help.

"You've got to focus on yourself in your recovery.

"You can be a bit greedy because the people around you are around you because they like you and love you – and want to help you."

Shaun, who lives in Burrough Green, was left for dead at the side of a road near Newmarket last summer after Jan Adamec, from Haverhill, crashed into him – pinning Shaun between his own BMW and his friend Joey Abbs' car. Soham Town Rangers footballer Joey suffered serious leg injuries.

After fleeing the scene, Adamec was caught and jailed for more than three years after he admitted causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Despite both of his legs being amputated, Shaun has made astonishing progress in his recovery, learning to walk on prosthetic legs only five months after the accident.

Freddy – who suffered a T7 paralysis and 18 broken ribs after his accident at Kempton Park last year – had his first horse riding lesson as part of his road to recovery in February.

The *News* interviewed Freddy in an exclusive article that month.

The Newmarket-based rider said: "I'm having to learn everything in a new way – which is not easy.

"An example would be being in bed, sitting up and trying to dress yourself. For you it will take three minutes – for me, at the beginning, about half an hour."

He added however that he is remaining positive, because that is the only direction worth going in.

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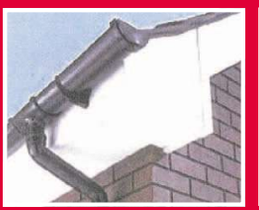

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CRACKIN' TIME: Youngsters concentrate on crafts
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HOPPY HOLIDAYS! Harry Fosker, 5, gets creative; inset, Eloise Matos, 6, dons her Easter bonnet and below, another youngster is all ears
Pictures: David Johnson

Eggs-tra special Easter treat for arty youngsters

CHILDREN had some crackin' fun at Ely Museum last week.

The 5 to 11-year-olds took part in themed craft activities in the run-up to the Easter bunny arriving at the weekend.

Youngsters hopped their way through the museum to search for Easter eggs, made tasty chocolate nests, cute chick bonnets and paper baskets.

The museum will host a free 'Ask the Archaeologist' event on Saturday, April 22, from 10.30am-12.30pm, where visitors can take their own finds for experts to identify.

Its collection of finds celebrating the history of the Fens, including fossils from marine dinosaurs, prehistoric tools and weapons, Roman pottery and Anglo Saxon jewellery, is open Monday to Saturday, 10.30am-5pm and Sunday 1pm-5pm.

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I REFER to the letter "We want our station back", *Ely News*, April 6

I wish to inform Sandra Grealish that it is not an easy or cheap item to build a station at Soham.

Can she explain what advantage would be gained? If she thinks she will be able to get a direct train to Newmarket or Cambridge she is way out of reason, you can only get to Cambridge by going via Ely, no connections are provided for trains to go to Cambridge via Newmarket, only on to Bury St Edmunds.

I was a relief signalman for British Rail before I retired in 1984 and relieved at Soham signalbox, nobody used the trains then, that being the reason for the station being closed. I can remember seeing trains arrive and depart, no-one getting on the train or off days on end. To construct a station for up-to-date conveniences would cost millions of pounds, access would have to be made for wheelchair users, toilets etc, the cost would be phenomenal. The railway franchise people know all this and are reluctant for this project to go ahead. So alas Sandra, it's a dead end I'm afraid to say.

S Spencer
Sandy Crescent
Littleport

Sorry we were not there

MAY we please through your letters column apologise to anybody who came to Prickwillow Village Hall for a group meeting on the night of Tuesday, April 11, only to find we weren't there. This was due to matters beyond our control and not being informed until Monday night, but did our best to notify as many as possible in the meantime.

Jayne and Brian Baylis
joint organisers of Earth's Angels Spiritualist Group
Prickwillow

'No' to grammar schools in area

IN 1980 R A Butler who had been Education Minister in a Tory Government said: " I believe that the death of the 11 plus combined with the birth of the comprehensives are the most significant developments in education in the past decade. I welcome that death and that birth."

Our present Minister of Education, Justine Greening, went to a comprehensive in Rotherham and followed that with the sixth form college in the same town. From there she went on to university and has had a successful career before entering into politics.

My own three sons have followed a similar path attending Saffron Walden High School which was one of the first truly comprehensives in Essex. It is still a very successful school. I have many friends and colleagues who have had children getting splendid schooling at a comprehensive.

I would suggest to any parent that they should make every effort that they can to stop the introduction of grammar schools in this area. Selective schools always end up getting most of their children from privileged backgrounds.

Finally, we should all oppose academies and so called Free schools. Education should be provided by the Government and not farmed out to private providers. It it the duty of the Government to provide a good education to every child giving them the best for their abilities. And to make sure that there is a continuing assurance of a good school. How can one be sure that a private establishment will last!

Frank Bowles
Lynn Road
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Your pictures

SHIP OF THE FENS: This photograph of Ely Cathedral was taken by reader Sarah Thompson, of Ely

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Floating hotel poses problems

I READ your front page report about the new floating hotel in Ely with a lot of interest (*Ely News*, April 6).

As a resident in nearby Victoria Street this hotel poses quite a few problems, not least on the parking front.

Where do the people who stay in the floating hotel park their cars? The Riverside area is already choked with traffic and allowing a boat to trade as a hotel in the immediate area will put much more pressure on parking.

More important, how do the emergency services get to the boat? There is only a very narrow river path to it so no police car, fire brigade vehicle or ambulance would get close to it.

A further key problem is sewage. People living on house boats in the area are allowed to flush their sewage straight into the river. That's OK, but a hotel that has five bedrooms is obviously going to produce a lot of excrement. Is that going straight into our river? Won't that increase river pollution, germs, especially in summer, and a stench effect?

It is important to know that the council addressed these health, safety and parking problems that the floating hotel will create. A lot of us would like to know how was it given permission to trade in the first place?

From a Victoria Street resident

Naturism, we have a choice

WITH reference to recent letters about naturism – the idea that these people will cavort around the Paradise car park in their birthday suits is just too absurd.

These people might like to look at last week's *Cambridge Evening News* and the explicit photo of the naked bicycle ride. Clearly it is not illegal. Of course we have to guard our children. But perhaps a better parallel is smoking which is banned in certain places. As adults, we have the right to opt out and avoid the area completely. We also have the right to opt in and if we have a mind join in the activities. This is surely a more balanced approach than that advocated by your other correspondents.

David Ewbank
Clayway
Ely

HOPE: The Rt Rev Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, at the Easter Sunday service
Picture: Keith Jones

Easter message not to be afraid

SERVICES were held all over the region on Easter Sunday – including one at Ely Cathedral.

Children and families joined together for the Easter Day Family Eucharist service which included music and hymns along with children's activities including the giving of Easter eggs.

Youngsters also got to enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the Bishop's Garden following the service.

In his Easter message, the dean of the cathedral, the Very Rev Mark Bonney, wished everyone a happy Easter.

He urged people to not to be afraid of things happening in the world including terrorism and Brexit.

"There's so much happening in our world that's wanting us to be fearful and afraid: calls to be afraid of those who commit terrorist acts, calls to be afraid of Brexit, of things that might be happening across the Atlantic," he said. "We can't flourish if we are afraid of one another. We mustn't be afraid."

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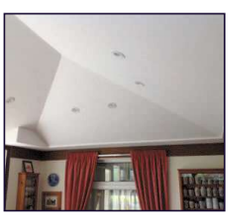

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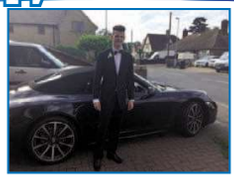

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of Littleport

Passed away at home on Monday 10th April 2017 aged 75 years

Dearly loved husband of Christine, loving father of Angie, Joyce, Ken and Joanne, also loving granddad of Lee, Kirsty, Ben, Beth, Caitlin and Erin

Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn, on Friday 5th May 2017 at 1.45pm

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for MRSA Action UK, may be left at the service or sent to

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HARRISON
Patricia Rosina Pat
of Chettisham

Passed away peacefully on Sunday 9th April 2017, aged 76 years.

Devoted wife of the late Maurice Peter Harrison, much loved mum of Susan and Andrew and a dear grandma of Daisy and Charlie.

Funeral service at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Chettisham on Friday 28th April at 12 noon, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Flowers or donations, if desired made payable to R. J. Pepper Donation Account (to be equally divided between Cancer Research UK and the Stroke Association) may be sent c/o

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John Henry
Of Linden Close Haddenham

Passed peacefully away at Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge on Monday April 3rd 2017 aged 85 years.

Beloved husband of the late Brenda, also much loved by his son Stephen and partner Lorraine.

Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium, West Chapel on Tuesday 2nd May at 10.30am.

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WATSON
John Frederick

Passed away peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital on 1st April, 2017 aged 89 years.

Loving Husband to the late Rita, much loved Dad of Judith and the late Anne, adored Grandad to Joanne, Caroline and Mark. He will be sadly missed by all his family.

Funeral Service to be held at Fenland Crematorium on Monday 8th May 2017 at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired for Isabel Hospice may be sent c/o

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SPECIAL PLANTING: Ely Wildspace will be looking to the future with an oak tree at Springhead Lane. Picture: Kevin Smith

Naturalists lead walks on wildside

In a column for the *News*, ecologist Dr Mark Welch tells us about Ely Wildspace taking part in Earth Optimism weekend this Sunday

This Sunday, Ely Wildspace will become part of Earth Optimism weekend – a series of extraordinary events taking place around the world aimed at celebrating conservation successes, and empowering people to take action for nature.

Over the weekend dozens of cities – from Washington DC to Helsinki, Hong Kong, London and Cambridge – will host Earth Optimism activities ranging from talks and debates to film screenings and wildlife walks.

Here in Ely we will take part in Earth Optimism and look to the future by planting a "tree for history" which will provide important new habitat for birds and insects.Please join us between 11.45am and 12.15pm when we shall be planting a special oak at Springhead Lane ("Lovers' Lane"), celebrating local people's achievements in safeguarding and nurturing the Ely Wildspace.

As part of our Earth Optimism day, we will also run "Birds, Bees and Beetles" walks around the Wildspace led by local naturalists. Meet at the top of Kiln Lane, off the Prickwillow Road, at 10am, to finish at 11.30am in time to join the tree-planting event at Springhead Lane.

In the meantime you can find out more about Earth Optimism by visiting *https://earthoptimism.si.edu/, and http://www.cambridgeconservation.org/earthoptimism/*, and spread the word using *#EarthOptimism*.

COMMUNITY

Village beer festival goes down a treat

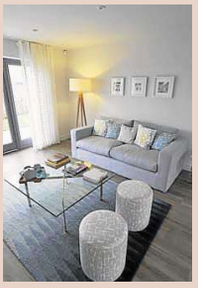
LITTLE Downham's Great Cask Beer Festival returned for a second year at the weekend.

Held on the Friday and Saturday, it raised funds for the ongoing renovation of the Victorian village hall.

Entrance was free and there was plenty of opportunity to sample artisan ales created by Cliff Roberts of the Downham Isle Brewery along with choices from other regional brewers.

On Friday evening live entertainment was provided by Upwood Ukeleles. Saturday evening saw rock band Thursday's Goode entertain villagers with classic rock numbers from all eras.

A moment of calm



Kate Sadler's latest interior design project – a blank canvas new build in the Ely countryside – is both cosy and effortlessly elegant. Alice Ryan settles in.

Pictures by David Johnson

KATE Sadler knows how to make a house a home. Her latest floor-to-rafters interior design project, a new build on the edge of Stretham, is testament to that: it's a show home, yet you'd never know it.

There are books on the shelves and pictures on the walls; the sofa is squishy with cushions; there's a tea tray laid and waiting on the kitchen table. The scheme is clean-lined and contemporary – and also cosy and inviting. The urge to kick off your shoes and furl into a chair is hard to fight.

The property was, explains Kate, the very definition of a blank canvas: not only was she given creative freedom, she also put the scheme together off-plan, before the house became bricks and mortar.

"The developers wanted the interiors to be light and airy; to have a sense of connection to the outdoors," she explains. "We're right on the edge of the countryside here: the house looks out on a field of horses. The aim was to make the most of that lovely location." As well as sticking to a stormy-sky palette of greys, blues and white, Kate's used plentiful natural finishes (take the warm wood flooring downstairs) and motifs (a row of wild-flower screen prints by local artist Jo Tunmer, dandelion-clock blinds by Vanessa Arbuthnott). All's brought together with an uncluttered Scandi sensibility, and the result is both on-brief and utterly lovely.

It's clear Kate has an artist's eye for both colour and form; her background is actually in History of Art. On graduating she worked for Sotheby's, "where I was surrounded by great design – great furniture, great art. I learned not only about beautiful objects, but how they worked together."

"Looking back, it was mad," continues Kate. "I had a Degas ballerina sculpture standing on my desk for weeks, waiting to go into a sale. You became so accustomed to being surrounded by these amazing pieces; it really was a privilege."

It was while at Sotheby's that Kate got to know acclaimed interior designer Rose Uniacke: dubbed "the queen of serene" by *The Sunday Times*, she is known for both her refined style and fondness for fine antiques. Gradually realising interiors was the world for her, Kate went on to work with Rose.

"We did a lot in Chelsea. There was one project – an enormous bachelor pad – that I always remember: lots of leather, lots of fur. The client was only a young guy, younger than me, and he'd just been given this huge house. . ." The work was creative, challenging and hugely exciting; Kate knew she'd found her niche.

After marrying and having her two children – Isabella, now 10, and Rufus, 6 – Kate moved out of London to return to her hometown, Cambridge: "I'd grown up here and loved it, and I wanted the same experience for them."

Setting up her own company, Kate Sadler: Interior Design & Project Management, seemed a natural next step. The first solo project came two years ago and she's never looked back: "One thing has led on to another. It's all been word of mouth – I'm very lucky."

The project management side of the business is as busy as the design. Far from being a luxury service, Kate says it can be very cost-effective; among her many skills is sourcing just the right craftspeople, at just the right price.

The same applies to her interior schemes, which pair High Street finds with judiciously selected star-of-the-show pieces. Walk into the sitting room in Stretham and your eye is magnetically drawn to a stand-out Eames rocking chair (which, deliberately positioned in front of the French doors, in turn invites you to look outside). The armchair by the front window, in contrast, was a nifty online purchase.

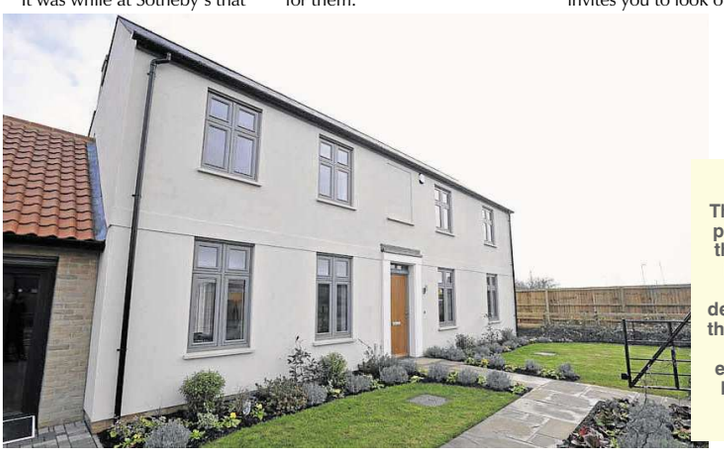
Among Kate's biggest projects thus far was a Victorian village rectory, whose owners wanted a top-to-toe revamp and restyle. "They wanted a contemporary feel, to completely modernise it," she explains. At the other end of the scale, another client needed help with his cluttered study; after Kate had reimagined the space, both redecorating and rationalising its contents, it was a whole new room: "It was lovely to go back and see him enjoying it; the room was working for him again."

Kate and her children recently moved from a Victorian terrace to a 1960s bungalow, a bit of a fixer-upper. Switching period of property has required an interiors rethink of her own: "All interior design starts with the building itself. I kept some furniture and got rid of the rest; a different house can require a different look."

Single-level living is, adds Kate, very practical when you've got young children; even when they're off in their bedrooms, there's a sense of togetherness. "When I'm working with a client, those are the kinds of things I have to consider: their family, their lifestyle, their personalities . . . There's no point putting a high-shine worktop in a kitchen if the family's lifestyle isn't in-keeping: as soon as someone puts a coffee cup down on that top, it'll need a polish."

Kitchens are, concedes Kate, the biggest challenge, because they have to be high-performance as well as lovely to look at and live in. Living spaces are, in contrast, a favourite. "That's where people spend most of their time. Some people might like a reading corner, or a study area, or a play area; the pleasure is in bringing it all together, and making a space they'll really use and enjoy.

"Having a home where you feel yourself relax as you walk in the door is a wonderful thing, and for all kinds of reasons some people don't have that," adds Kate. "To leave a project knowing the client's home is really working for them – that it's become that place where they can truly relax – is brilliant. As a designer, that's what you're aiming for."



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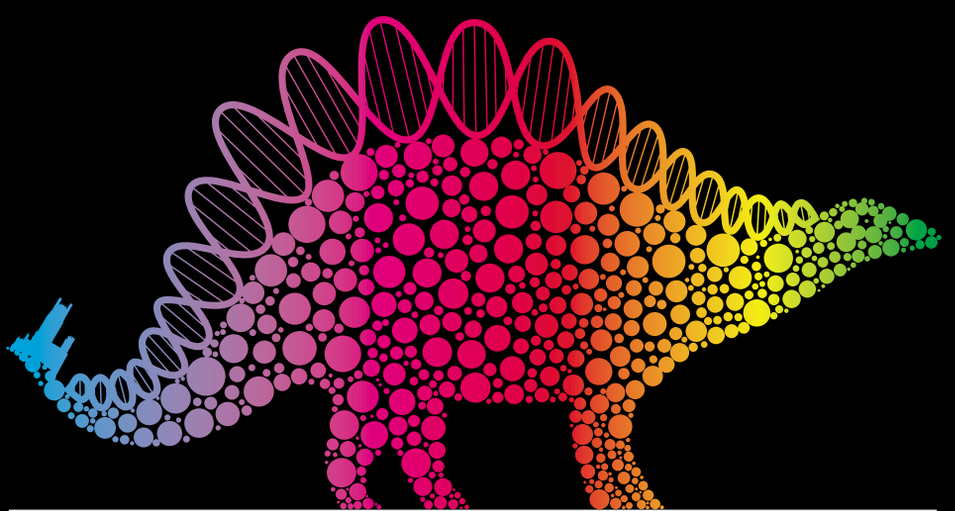

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POLICING

Police need to boost efficiency

CAMBRIDGESHIRE police need to be more efficient to keep people safe and reduce crime – with 'inefficient internal processes leading to unnecessary demand on police time and resources', a new report has highlighted.

A third PEEL report, which is the annual assessment of police forces in England and Wales, has been released by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC).

The report for 2016, which has just been published, sheds fresh light on information which the *News* reported in November, stating that the constabulary was marked as good for using its resources to manage current demand, but fell down on assessing and planning for likely future demand and identifying and prioritising areas to invest in for the future.

The report revealed that the force's effectiveness for keeping people safe and reducing crime was good, but that its efficiency at doing the same 'requires improvement'.

TARA COX
@TaraCoxCN

It said: "The force recognises it needs to improve its understanding of demand on its services and is already taking appropriate action.

"However, overall, it needs to do more to fully understand demand and to plan for demand in the future. The force is already taking steps to address these issues."

The report also said that Cambridgeshire police acknowledged they could do more to understand where 'inefficient internal processes' are leading to unnecessary demand on police time and resources – and are aiming to reduce this demand.

The HMIC also claimed that: "Despite a better than anticipated government grant for policing in 2016/17, the force still faces shortfalls in its budget every year until 2019/20.

"The force does not yet have detailed plans in place to assure itself that sufficient sustainable savings can be found."

The report is a compilation of inspection findings and reports over the year.

In response to the report, the force's Assistant Chief Constable Nav Malik said: "While we are disappointed with the overall judgment, we recognise the issues raised.

"We have made significant progress in understanding our current and future demand, but there is clearly more work to do."

Mr Malik said: "While there were no specific recommendations made by HMIC, we continue to strive for greater efficiency, we take heed of their areas of improvement and are reassured that they can see we are making good progress in the right direction."

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■ Ely general market, on the Market Square, every Thursday.
■ Blues and rock night celebrating the music of Rory Gallagher at the Five Miles from Anywhere No Hurry Inn, Old School Lane, April 21, from 8.30pm. Admission is free.
■ Spring art exhibition: 'An exciting mix of paintings and crafts from local artists' at The Babylon Centre, from April 22 to May 7, 12pm till 4pm.
■ Fibromyalgia coffee group at Starbucks The Cloisters, April 28, 10.30am till 12 noon. An informal coffee group for fibromyalgia sufferers and family members.
■ The King's Arms first beer festival, April 28, 12 noon till 10.30pm. Call: (01353) 656828.
■ Amnesty International Ely City Group film screening of *I, Daniel Blake*, in the Lecture Theatre, The Old Palace. April 29 at 7pm. Tickets £6 from Burrows Bookshop or on the door. All profits will go towards Amnesty's human rights work.
■ First aid for dogs at Whitecross Farm, April 29, 10am till 1pm. Tickets £20 per person including refreshments and goody bag. Call: (01353) 649571.
■ Eel Festival Weekend 2017, Jubilee Gardens, April 29 , 10.30am till 4pm. The annual Eel Day Parade begins at 10.30 am from Cross Green.
■ Time Bank get-together, the Lighthouse, April 29, 2pm till 6pm. Celebrate the newly-formed Littleport and Ely Timebank. Free event.
■ Live music night with Tantrus, at On Par Golf Driving Range, April 29, 8pm till 11.30pm. Call: (01353) 669192.
■ Ely vegan and vintage fair market, on Market Square, April 30 and May 1, 10am till 4pm.
■ Ely two-day food and drink festival, at Palace Green, April 30 and May 1, 10am till 4pm. Over 60 artisan and specialist food and drink traders.
■ Ely Sailing Club open day 2017, May 6, 1pm till 4pm. Free admission to a variety of shore-based and water-based activities for all the family.

Sutton

■ Cheffins landmark sale of collectors' items, April 22, at Cheffins Machinery Sale Ground including 230 vintage tractors, 70 vintage motorcycles, 10 steam engines and other classic commercial vehicles. Call:(01353) 777767.

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■ Ballroom dancing at HIAMS, featuring the Umbrella Big Band, April 22, 8pm till 11.45pm, doors at 7pm. Tickets £12 (£10 members). Call: (01353) 662633.

Witchford

■ Tiger Bay Too at Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club, April 22, 8.45pm till 12. Members £5 (£6 non-members).

Soham

■ Soham British Legion bingo at Soham Rangers FC, April 21. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.45pm. Everyone welcome.

Haddenham

■ Haddenham Galleries kite making workshop, April 29, 10am till 12.30, suitable for ages 16 plus and for ages 4 plus. Call (01353) 749188

WARM WELCOME: From left, Stephanie Ryan, deputy manager, Aga Winiarczyk, nursery manager, Helena Paluch and Sophie Powell, nursery apprentice.

Nursery seeks open day donations

CLARENCE House Barns nursery in Ely is hosting a fun day in aid of the Woodland Macmillan Centre at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon.

To ensure the success of the fundraiser, the nursery is seeking raffle contributions to help raise money for the charity.

As part of the fun day, the ambulance service will be on site with a vehicle for youngsters to explore.

There will also be a BBQ, face painting, traditional fair games, a cake stall and a handmade craft stall producing items on the day as well as a raffle.

The open day will take place on May 6, 10am till 2pm.

To donate call (01353) 667819.

Anybody who is anybody will soon walk through that door

Last week, Octagon Studios took over Ely's Maltings centre to showcase their brand new springtime production of Bugsy Malone.

Although the performing arts centre is best known locally as a dance school, it has a rich history of musical theatre performances- although many of the children were taking part in an Octagon musical for the first time, as it has been a few years since they put on such an ambitious production in the genre.

Nikki Dyer was one of the Octagon team members who put the production together. Even though many of the children had never been involved with a musical before, she believes the show was a success due to how the cast rose up to the challenge.

"The children really pulled it off and they completely brought down the house on each of the three sold out performances. As well as some of the Octagon regulars, we opened up auditions to performers from across Cambridge and Ely, and we were fortunate to assemble an excellent cast.

"One of our performers, Charlie, has already tread the boards in the West End, when he appeared in a production of Kinky Boots, so for him to want to be involved with our show was a privilege. There wasn't a weak link in the whole ensemble- Sam was excellent in the lead role as Bugsy, while Gabriel should be called the Al Pacino of Ely after his performance as Fat Sam.

"Most of all, thanks need to be given to Kerrie Farrington, owner of Octagon Studios and Mark, who directed the fabulous performances".

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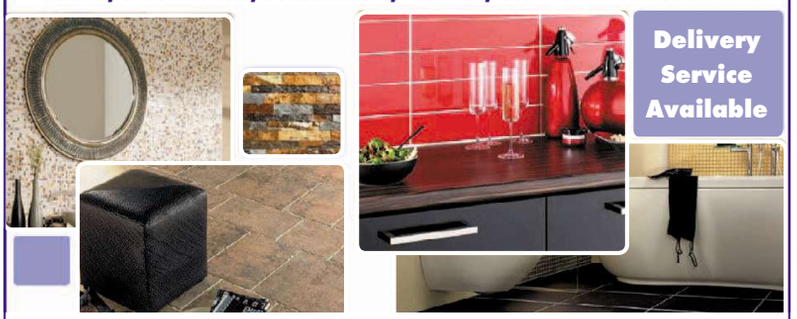

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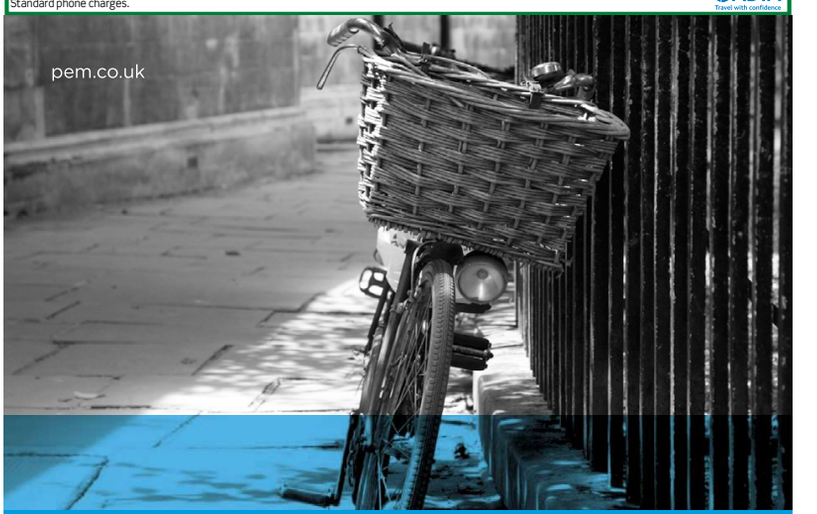

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DRAMATIC images have shown the aftermath of an HGV colliding with a tractor on the A10 last week.

The vehicle was pictured at a steep angle with its smashed cab stuck in a water-filled ditch at the side of the road.

Tyre marks showed where the lorry careered off the road, crashed through trees and came to rest on the edge of a field.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire police said officers were called to reports of a collision at 8.53pm last Tuesday on the A10 south of Stretham, near the Lazy Otter pub.

He said that only minor injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

Meeting to give update on broadband

In her weekly column for *Ely News*, MP for South East Cambridgeshire Lucy Frazer highlights some of the things she will be working on after the Easter break

After an excellent Easter holiday with Easter Egg hunts and a cinema trip (which makes me look very much forward to the Leisure Centre in Ely) it's back to Westminster and I thought I would highlight some of the things I will be working on over the coming weeks.

This week I am meeting with Matt Hancock MP the Minister for Digital and Culture as well as Broadband champions from across the constituency, Connecting Cambridgeshire and BT to discuss the progress made in delivering broadband (from 47 per cent in 2012 up to 94 per cent) and to highlight those who are yet to be connected to superfast broadband.

I will also be asking whether we, in Cambridgeshire, can benefit from 5G mobile trials to become early recipients of better mobile coverage.

As schools return I am thinking about how we can better support them. I am delighted that officials from the Department of Education have agreed to visit our area to discuss teacher recruitment so I am organising seminars for them with some current and prospective teachers.

The White Paper, Education Excellence Everywhere, proposed a new free national teacher vacancy website so that aspiring and current teachers could find posts quickly and easily while reducing the burden on schools and I am keen to help make this a reality.

And I have recently met with a number of farmers and the NFU and discussed with them several matters which concern them including the problems with hare coursing and the upcoming deal with the EU which I will continue to raise in Westminster.

I am sure this will be a busy term, and am looking forward to it!

PS Thank you to the High Street Church in Isleham for an extremely warm welcome when I came to speak and visit last week.

If you would like to contact me on any issue please do so at *lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk* or follow me on facebook *www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy* or visit my website *www.lucyfrazer.org.uk*

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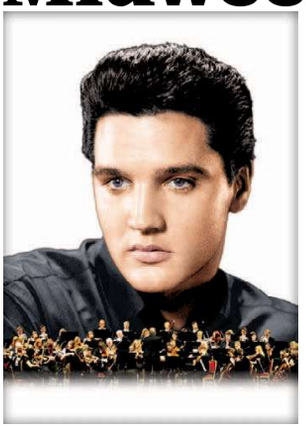

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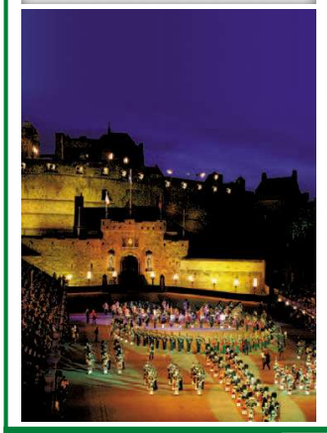

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Cover property – Queen Adelaide: £550,000

THIS semi rural chalet in Low Road, Queen Adelaide, is now available to own for £550,000.

Ground floor accommodation comprises vaulted entrance hall, lounge with multi-fuel stove, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, separate WC, study, shower room and bedroom with en suite bathroom.

On the first floor are four further bedrooms, one with en suite WC and a family bathroom. Outside, there is a double cart lodge to the front and extensive gravel drive / parking. To the rear are large gardens that adjoin farmland and enjoy views over the fields from the rear deck area.

For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

Haddenham: £395,000

THE Rampart, a detached period cottage in Haddenham, is now available at a guide price of £395,000.

On the ground floor, you'll find a living room, kitchen with four ring gas hob, side porch, bathroom with roll top bath, sitting room, storage room and a conservatory with French doors to the garden.

Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, as well as a bathroom with a roll top bath sat on claw and ball feet.

Outside, there is a driveway and a rear garden laid to lawn with a wide variety of shrubs, perennials and trees.

Viewing is by arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

Ely: £515,000

THIS converted coach house in Chantry Lane, Ely, is now available to own for £515,000.

The entrance hall leads directly towards three bedrooms, one of which features an en suite, with the ground floor accommodation also comprising a large open plan kitchen/diner with range cooker and a living room with inglenook fireplace.

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Haddenham — £215,000

- An established semi-detached home
- Living room with stove
- Litchen/breakfast room
- Utility / WC
- 2 double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Corner plot gardens with potential to create car parking at the front (subject to planning)
- Some updating is required
- EPC tba

Ely — £350,000

- Modern link detached house
- Close to city centre
- 3 Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Garage & parking
- Garden
- EPC D

Ely — £285,000

- An older style mid terrace home
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Low maintenance rear garden
- On street parking
- EPC D

Littleport — £220,000

- Detached bungalow
- Cul de sac location
- 2 Bedrooms
- Garaged and driveway
- Wet room
- Kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Garden to rear
- EPC tba

Little Thetford — £345,000

- A modern detached family home
- Kitchen/dining room
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms
- Garden
- Double garage
- EPC D

Littleprt — £265,000

- Detached house
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms
- Potential to extend (subject to planning)
- EPC Band D

Mepal — £259,995

- A spacious semi-detached bungalow
- Recently modernised
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/ diner
- Shower room with walk in shower
- Fitted kitchen
- Private garden to rear
- Driveway provides off road parking for several vehicles that leads to the garage
- EPC D

Littleport — £180,000

- A mid-terrace
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- 2 Bedrooms and bathroom
- Garden
- Smartly presented throughout
- EPC Band D

Ely — £450,000

- Established detached home
- Immaculately presented
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Good size rear garden
- Garage abd parking
- EPC Rating B

Queen Adelaide — £550,000

- An individual, non estate family home
- Lounge with multi-fuel stove
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Study
- 5 Bedrooms
- There is a dressing room off bedroom 4
- Double cart lodge to the front and extensive gravel drive / parking
- Large gardens
- EPC Band B

Witchford — £349,950

- A detached family home
- Living room
- Dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC D

Sutton — £365,000

- Detached Established Family Home
- Non estate location
- 4 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/ Breakfast Room
- Car parking space
- Good size rear garden
- EPC band D

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Soham £196,500

Well presented mid terrace house comprising Hall, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden.Parking for several vehicles.EPC rating D.

Soham £262,500

A link detached house set in a quiet cul de sac with a superb rear garden. Three bedrooms, lounge/ diner, kitchen, bathroom, garage and additional parking. EPC rating D.

Fordham £450,000

Great opportunity to purchase this three bedroom semi detached bungalow with full planning permission for two bedroom detached bungalow, details of which can be found on the planning website Ref. No: 15/00950/FUL EPC rating tbc.

Soham £219,995 — SOLD

Semi detached house situated on popular development close to The Shade school and A142 to Ely. The property comprises two reception rooms and conservatory, three bedrooms, one with en-suite. Gas heating. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC rating C.

Soham £850 pcm — NEW

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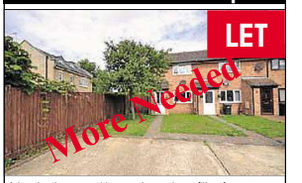

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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Ely — £625,000

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Little Downham — Offers in Excess of £500,000

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3 | 1 | 1 | EPC D | 84m²

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2 | 1 | 1 | EPC tb | tbc

Witchford £289,950

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3 | 1 | 1 | EPC E | 98m²

Ely £450,000

A Grade II listed, mid to late 18th Century, semi-detached three bedroom cottage with gardens and triple garage which lies in a highly convenient near central location.

tbc | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | EPC tbc

Wilburton £650,000

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1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | EPC C | 71m²

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BOOKSHELF

As Dawn O'Porter releases her new novel and prepares for baby number two, she talks to **HANNAH STEPHENSON** about getting life back on track, not following the crowd and why she feels so closely linked to the women at the heart of her book

No matter how out of control life feels, you can always pull it back together

Dawn O'Porter, left, and her new book, The Cows, inset below

DAWN O'PORTER, novelist, columnist, broadcaster and vintage fashion buff, has never been one to follow the crowd.

"As an adult I never think, 'What's everybody else doing? Let's do that'," states the 38-year-old.

"I follow my own instincts in life, and that's how I've managed to carve out a career that's my own.

"Instinctively, I've got a rebellious attitude. I would almost actively NOT follow what everybody else was doing..."

Indeed, Dawn – who a decade ago looked set for a career in TV, having made her mark in cutting-edge documentaries covering subjects like polygamy and extreme dieting – now lives in California, is a full-time author and mother, and is married to Irish actor – and Bridesmaids star – Chris O'Dowd.

She moved to Hollywood nine years ago to further her career, but is back in the UK promoting her latest novel, The Cows, a feisty, funny, contemporary tale following three women who make un-stereotypical life decisions.

Cam is a successful blogger, who doesn't want children; Stella is an efficient PA to a photographer, who desperately does despite health worries; and Tara is a single mum whose high-flying TV career takes a turn for the worse when she indulges in a private sexual act on a train, thinking she is alone, only to be filmed by an onlooker who then posts it online.

Love at first sight: Dawn with her husband Chris O'Dowd

As the story progresses, the women's lives intertwine, as each deals with her own problems, judging each other and themselves along the way.

"None of them were supposed to have children, but when I had my little boy I thought I had to give one of them a child," Dawn explains.

"Tara is me understanding what it feels like to be a mother; Cam is my alter ego, who I always thought I would be until I met my husband; and Stella is the tragedy and sadness and part of me that is deep inside."

Stella, whose mother and twin sister died of cancer and who has the BRCA gene, giving her a higher risk of having breast or ovarian cancer, has evolved in part from Dawn's own history. The author's own mother died from breast cancer aged 36, two days before Dawn's seventh birthday.

"I lost my mum to cancer, so it's always in the back of my head. I didn't have the BRCA gene and I don't face what the character is facing, but I know how it feels to worry about that. And I made a documentary about breast cancer a few years ago and interviewed lots of women in Stella's position."

Dawn began writing the novel when she was pregnant with their first son, Art, who is now two. She has already handed over the manuscript for the next novel, and is expecting her second child this summer.

But she wasn't always intent on having children, she reveals.

"I wasn't that bothered. I didn't have this romantic dream about marriage and babies," she admits.

"I always loved kids and loved my nieces and nephews; I just didn't know I wanted to do it myself.

"Then I fell in love and it just all happened.

"I took to motherhood really naturally. I find it a complete pleasure being a mum," she adds.

"There's a lot of messages in the book – the main one is that no matter how out of control your life feels, you can always pull it back together. You are in control of your own life."

She and Chris live a pretty regular family life in LA. They hardly ever go to red carpet events, aren't so famous that they're hounded by paparazzi or hoards of fans, and aren't fazed by fame.

Dawn moved to Hollywood at 29 to make a series of documentaries for Channel 4, but when a second series was not commissioned, found herself floundering.

"I didn't work for a couple of years, which is completely normal for someone who has a career in the media. It dented my confidence, but then it all turned out OK in the end."

During this time she met Chris, who had seen her on TV and asked her out on Facebook.

"I invited him to my 30th birthday party and that was where we met – and that was it.

"I guess it was love at first sight. I definitely fancied him and I really wanted to pursue it."

She bristles when asked if his high-profile status helped get her career back on track.

"I don't think it's helped my career, because I've worked really bloody hard, and when someone says that to me I instantly get defensive."

She adds: "I like to think that if you are willing to sit down and write 100,000 words, then you are helping your own career.

"But I'm sure more people know who I am because of him."

Born in Scotland, Dawn's parents divorced when she was one and when her mother died, she was looked after by her grandparents and then by her aunt and uncle – whom she calls her parents – who took her to live in Guernsey.

She studied acting at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts and made a name for herself making documentaries in the UK, along with her various columns for women's magazines.

Dawn has put her vintage fashion business, BOB, on 'maternity leave', to give her time with the imminent new arrival. Meanwhile, TV rights to The Cows have already been sold, but she's realistic about her novel ever reaching the screen.

"It doesn't mean it's going to be on TV – all it means is that I have to write a script and hopefully someone will buy it. But before the book was even published, a production company loved it enough to buy the rights, which was amazing."

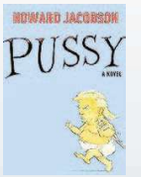
She has another three books to write within the next few years – and there's seemingly no shortage of inspiration.

"I always knew I wanted to stand out and have a career in journalism," says Dawn, "and to do that, you need to be willing to not follow the herd and write what you feel."

■ The Cows by Dawn O'Porter is published by HarperCollins, priced £14.99.

LATEST TITLES

PUSSY by Howard Jacobson, Jonathan Cape, £12.99 (ebook £9.49)



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WORD has it that Howard Jacobson was so infuriated by the rise of Donald Trump that he abandoned his current book project and rose at dawn every day for weeks to rush out this short, angry book.

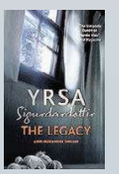
In common with many a classic satire, Pussy is written as a fable. It tells the story of one Prince Fracassus, heir presumptive to the Duchy of Origen, a land of casinos and gilded skyscrapers. Fracassus is a spoilt lonely child, who spends his time watching reality TV and fantasising about prostitutes.

He has no knowledge of the world, no compassion, no ideas, yet somehow, groomed by his cynical father and a bevvy of opportunistic advisers, he emerges as a populist force on a promise to make his country great again.

It's all great fun – especially spotting the many thinly disguised real-life figures who feature, from Farage to Putin.

Even if his book is unlikely to topple any governments, it may at least – as its author hopes – spread comfort in some quarters, and vexation in others.

THE LEGACY by Yrsa Sigurdadotir, Hodder and Stoughton, £14.99 (ebook £9.99)



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NEWLY promoted, out-of-his-depth detective Huldar is struggling to solve the murder of Elisa.

The only witness is her seven-year-old daughter Margret, who was hiding under the bed when the killer struck. But she's traumatised and won't say anything. Freyja, a psychologist from the Children's House, is called in to help.

The killer is leaving clues in the form of cryptic text messages and strings of random numbers. Can they keep Margret safe and crack the code before he strikes again?

Sigurdardottir's writing is evocative and fraught as she skilfully ratchets up the tension and fear. This tour de force is sure to cement her reputation as the queen of Nordic noir.

BOOKS CHART

1. Night School: Lee Child
2. The Girl of Ink & Stars (right): Kiran Millwood Hargrave
3. The Tobacconist: Robert Seethaler
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5. East West Street: Philippe Sands
6. Playfair Cricket Annual 2017: Ian Marshall
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BA BOOSTS ITS BROADBAND

BRITISH Airways will start introducing paid-for superfast 4G wi-fi on its long-haul fleet this month.

Passengers will be offered two levels of internet access and can sign up for one hour, four hours or the full flight.

Simply Connect will offer basic web browsing, email and instant messaging with prices from £4.99, while Connect Plus has a faster connection speed supporting video streaming services, starting at £7.99.

Rolling out wi-fi on short-haul planes will start later this year.

Seattle

AMERICA ON A BUDGET

NORWEGIAN is launching low-cost Dreamliner routes to Seattle and Denver from Gatwick in September.

One-way fares for flights on the 344-seat, state-of-the-art Boeing 787 jets will start at £199 and are on sale now (norwegian.com/uk).

Liverpool's Atlantic Hotel

HOTEL'S HERITAGE MAKEOVER

LIVERPOOL'S iconic Atlantic Tower hotel has completed its year-long upgrade.

The look of the four-star waterfront Mercure property reflects the city's maritime and musical heritage – with the sea to the fore in public areas and the 225 rooms featuring record motifs and crowd scenes.

Rates start at £49 a night (mercure.com).

HARD ROCK HOTEL MALTA

A FIVE-star Hard Rock hotel will debut in Malta in 2020.

The property is to be built in the town of St Julian's to the north of Valletta and the plans outline 370 rooms and suites with bay views, upscale food and drink outlets including a rooftop lounge, pools and a Body Rock fitness centre (hardrockhotels.com).

CHRISTINA SAVVAS and four-year-old daughter Kiki join the 25th anniversary birthday bash at Disneyland Paris

A break straight out of a fairy tale...

FIREWORKS, sky-high fountains, lasers and special effects... I watched in absolute delight as I held up my four-year-old to give her the best vantage point amongst the huge crowds at Disneyland Paris.

It was just like the adverts. You could see the excitement in Kiki's eyes as the lights shone on her face.

I was standing with thousands in front of Sleeping Beauty's castle at the Paris resort for the Disney Illuminations spectacular.

I had been told what to expect by friends, fellow journalists and, of course, the internet – but it just doesn't compare to experiencing the magic first-hand.

The resort is celebrating its 25th anniversary so, like any huge birthday bash, organisers went all out to impress.

The night-time show is one of the highlights, packed full of classic Disney moments featuring the very best of everything from The Lion King and The Little Mermaid to recent smash hit Frozen.

It's all conducted by Mickey Mouse and projected onto the castle, enabling people across the park to see the magic unfold.

It's without a doubt the best fireworks extravaganza I've seen in real life.

Disneyland Paris opened its doors on April 1, 1992 and, to mark the momentous occasion, organisers brought A-list Hollywood glamour in the form of Grammy award winning artist John Legend. His surprise appearance was a hit with Disney-lovers young and old, the perfect soundtrack to the wonderful backdrop of the glittering castle.

Another evening highlight is Star Wars: A Galactic Celebration in the Walt Disney Studios Park.

Whether you're a Star Wars fan or not, this is a show not to be missed and it's just one of the amazing sci-fi franchise attractions which have opened this special anniversary year.

Guests join the Rebellion aboard a Starspeeder 1000 on a state-of-the-art simulator. It starts as the guide declares one of the most famous lines in Star Wars history: "May the Force be with you."

The epic intergalactic voyage is all in 3D, and packed with action as film fans zoom through outer space.

Each ride is picked at random from 70 possible missions, meaning you're likely to get a different experience every time.

A stone's throw from Star Tours you can come face to face with Darth Vader himself. And later this spring, Space Mountain will re-open as Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain with an all-new voyage.

Star Tours is located in Discoveryland where you'll also find Buzz Lightyear's Laser Blast, a shooting game where families compete to get the highest score.

And if Toy Story is a favourite in your house, you must head to Toy Story Play Land where you can have a ride on Slinky Dog Zigzag Spin, brave Toy Soldiers Parachute Drop (the views from above are phenomenal) and climb all over Rex – to name but a few.

Also in Walt Disney Studios Park is one of my favourite rides of all – Ratatouille: The Adventure.

Simulator technology enables you to shrink down to see what life would be like as Remy the rat. One minute, you're on the rooftops of Paris, the next you're racing to safety on the floor of Gusteau's restaurant.

It's just incredible. The queues, like for many of the popular rides, are long but one way round this is the Fastpass, which means you can get a ticket with a set ride time later on in the day.

But take note, not all the rides operate Fastpass so make sure you map out the day and go to the busier rides in off-peak times or make the most of the earlier park opening for guests staying in the Disney Resort.

We stayed at the fantastic

Belle of the ball: Kiki dressed as the princess from Beauty and the Beast

Fired up: The dragon from Disney Stars on parade

Nice digs: Sleeping Beauty's castle, left, and the Disney princesses strut their stuff, above

NEED TO KNOW

■ **CHRISTINA SAVVAS** and daughter Kiki visited Disneyland Paris as guests of the resort. There are seven hotels in the resort with something to suit every taste. The Newport Bay Club and the pink Disneyland Hotel are perfect if you want to splash out, while Hotel Cheyenne offers a more affordable option.

■ Getting to Disneyland Paris couldn't be easier with Eurostar trains going direct from London St Pancras in two-and-a-half hours. It beats flying because you can check in just half an hour before departure and you arrive at Marne La Vallee station which is a stone's throw from the entrance to the parks.

■ Christina travelled with Virgin Trains on a direct train to London. Euston station is very convenient as St Pancras is only one stop on the Tube from there, costing £4.90 for a single. Kids under 11 travelling with an adult go free. Or you can walk, around 20 minutes with luggage and kids. A taxi is around £6.

■ You can also take advantage of the Disney Express service which means you can leave your bags with your hotel in the morning, spend all day having fun and collect them at the station.

Force is strong with this one: Star Tours

Legends all round: Singer John with Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Newport Bay Club, which exudes the sprawling grandeur of a 1920s Cape Cod mansion. It has been completely renovated with nautical but nice flourishes, including knotted profiles of Mickey Mouse in carpets and animated characters peeking through portholes above the beds.

The foyer is stunning, the staff so friendly and welcoming and the buffet breakfast fantastic, from a full fry-up to croissants and pancakes.

The hotel is just a 10-minute walk to the park, via the rear entrance, and the perfect place for a Disneyland break.

For the 25th anniversary, Disney have also changed some of the daytime shows. My daughter's absolute favourite was the Disney Stars On Parade. As you can expect, the route is pretty busy so grab yourself an ice cream and pick out a perfect spot to get the best view.

Characters from much-loved Disney and Pixar films including Peter Pan, Toy Story and The Jungle Book all wave to the crowds from giant floats.

Cutting-edge technology gives the new parade extra sparkle including a jaw-dropping seven-metre high dragon from Sleeping Beauty. I've never seen anything so visually brilliant and colourful.

After watching the parade, we stayed in our spot at the glistening Royal Castle Stage – made up of 250,000 hand-glued Swarovski crystals – and waited in anticipation for the new Starlit Princess Waltz.

All our favourite princesses – Belle, Ariel, Cinderella and Jasmine – are part of a beautifully choreographed routine. Both Kiki and I enjoyed every minute.

Elsa and Anna don't appear in this new show but, fear not, there's a special singalong Frozen show in the Chaparral Theatre at which you can sing to your heart's content.

Top tip: if your little princess is dressed up, ushers will show you to a special sitting area, perfect for royalty.

This trip had everything and extra fairy dust sprinkled on top.

My only regret was not getting a chance to see more shows. You could literally spend all day watching something new.

But as we had left the boys in our family behind on this occasion, we'll have to return to show them around.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

- ENJOY two nights/three days at Disneyland Paris from **£711.94** based on two adults and two children staying at Disney's Hotel Cheyenne.
- The price includes **15% off** hotel and park tickets and half-board basis meal plan, arriving on May 7.
- With return **Eurostar** travel from London St Pancras, the trip costs £1,140.94.
- To book, call **08448 008 111** or visit **disneylandparis.co.uk**

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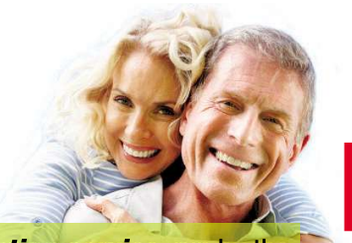

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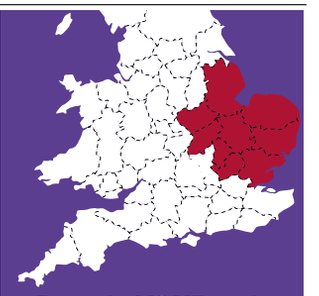

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JANE, attractive and young looking 60 something lady, active, outgoing with interesting personality, hoping to meet a kind gent for occasional meetings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425931**

NATALIA, black beauty! I am late 50s but still fit with a good figure and lovely skin and eyes. I would like to meet a nice white gentleman, older than myself for chats, maybe more. **Text Only. Mailbox 4107799**

GILLY, slim petite lady, affectionate and loving, solvent with own home, hoping to meet gent, must be kind, looks unimportant. ACA/text answered. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425929**

MERRY widow seeks lovely lonely gent for companionship. Please call, we can have a chat and see how we get on. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425927**

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Wheels

McLaren's Shanghai debut

MCLAREN Automotive will celebrate three years of success in China at Auto Shanghai 2017 (April 19-28), with the national debut of the new McLaren 720S supercar and the unveiling of a 570GT Commemorative Edition, of which just three examples will be produced.

The two cars will line up as part of the McLaren showcase at the biennial Chinese motor show, which positions itself as the world's largest automobile trade fair.

The new McLaren 720S makes it first appearance in China in Performance specification with visible carbon fibre Monocage II structure. A carbon fibre roof panel, rear bumper and door sills further enhance the extreme sporting intent of McLaren's second-generation Super Series, with bonnet inlets, mirror casings, rear fender air intakes and front splitter in the same material.

McLaren China will begin taking orders for the new McLaren 720S as Auto Shanghai commences, with the first customer cars arriving in July.

The 570GT Commemorative Edition has been created to mark three years of McLaren sales success in China. Luxurious and refined, with a side-opening rear glass hatch offering an additional 220 litres of storage on the leather-lined Touring Deck, the 570GT is the ideal starting point for a special celebration model;

SUPERSTAR: The new McLaren 720S Supercar

designed with a focus on day-to-day usability and long distance comfort, it also provides the scintillating performance expected of a McLaren.

To further enhance the visual drama of the car, the rear bumper and wing, door skirt and front splitter and blade are carbon fibre components by McLaren Special Operations and the lightweight forged alloy wheels and exhausts are in Stealth finish.

In addition to the new 720S and the 570GT Commemorative Edition, the McLaren 570S will also be displayed on the McLaren stand.

The Jekyll and Hyde drivers

IN theory drivers are supposed to be like the good Dr Jekyll – polite, docile and right-minded with an intense respect for the law.

But it appears that there may be a wicked Mr Hyde lurking unseen in more British drivers than we think.

New research from Churchill Car Insurance shows that more than 57 per cent of drivers interviewed admitted they behaved differently when behind the wheel, acting more aggressively than they would normally.

Churchill compared displays of aggression on the road with those in person and found that while 31 per cent have sworn at strangers in the car, only 12 per cent have done so face-to-face.

While 26 per cent of motorists have shouted at others while driving, less than half (12 per cent) of that number have done so in person.

Aggressive driving ranges from beeping horns (33 per cent) and swearing at other drivers (31 per cent) to deliberately tailgating (11 per cent) and chasing someone's car in anger (four per cent).

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Wheels

Fiat Professional success continues

FIAT Professional's growing popularity in the UK is illustrated again this week, as new figures show a 44.2 per cent rise in registrations in March 2017, compared with the same month last year.

The sales results show that Fiat Professional, the commercial vehicle arm of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles UK, was the second most improved van manufacturer in March. The company's market share rose by 0.7 per cent to 3.4 per cent.

All Fiat Professional models' sales performance improved last month, compared with March 2016, but the star of the quarter was Fiorino – sales were up 81.8 per cent in the first three months of 2017, compared with last year.

Fiat Doblo sales have increased by 49.9 per cent, while Fiat Ducato registrations are up 14.0 per cent for the quarter, and both ranges had increases in market share.The top-level Tecnico trim specification, which is available across all models and adds equipment such as satellite navigation, reverse parking sensors, Bluetooth hands-free connectivity and air conditioning, has proved to be very popular – sales have increased by 302 per cent compared to last year.

Celebrating the hot Cavalier

A 25th birthday display to celebrate the silver anniversary of the Cavalier Turbo will be one of the big draws at this year's Performance Vauxhall Show, at Santa Pod Raceway, Beds, on June 11.

The hot Cavalier stood out from the repmobile crowd with its 204bhp C20LET turbocharged engine, four-wheel-drive and Chevrolet Corvette-derived six-speed gearbox when it made its debut in 1992, but with just 49 examples left registered on the UK's roads according to *www.howmanyleft.co.uk*, it's now one of the rarest and most cherished of 1990s performance saloons.

At least 10 of the surviving examples will be on display at the show.

The Cavalier feature will be just one part of the ultimate show for fans of hot Vauxhalls, sponsored by Apex Performance and Goodridge, which regularly attracts over 10,000 visitors.

With on-strip action, including the chance for owners to enter their own Vauxhalls in a VX-only 'Run What Ya Brung', Santa Pod will be spilling over with Griffin greats, be them retro Novas, Chevettes, Cavaliers and Astras, or more modern VX220s, Monaros and VXRs.

As well as the drag strip action, PVS promises a host of other features including an Autotest, entrance photography, a lively retail village for the latest parts, mods and memorabilia, a show and shine, and some of the best and busiest club displays going.

STAND OUT: The Cavalier Turbo

The show itself takes place on the Sunday, but many fans making their annual pilgrimage love to make a weekend of it, so this year PVS is putting on some live evening entertainment, in the form of DJ Pied Piper and MC DT, the sound behind the famous Ayia Napa hit *Do You Really Like it?*

Camping is available at the show on the Saturday evening.

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Wheels

There's double delight for Jaguar F-Pace

WINNER: The Jaguar F-Pace

THE Jaguar F-PACE has been crowned the best and most beautiful car in the world after double success at the 2017 World Car Awards, scooping the World Car of the Year and World Car Design of the Year titles.

The performance SUV is the fastest selling model Jaguar has produced and is only the second vehicle to claim the double in the 13-year history of the World Car Awards.

To win the pair of trophies, the F-PACE saw off the competition in a vote of 75 influential motoring journalists from 24 countries.

These are the latest in a line of major honours for the F-PACE since its April 2016 introduction.

To date, the F-PACE has collected more than 40 awards, including being named *Women's World* Car of the Year and the *Auto Express* 'Car of the Year' for 2016.

Dr Ralf Speth, Jaguar Land Rover chief executive, said: "The F-PACE was designed and engineered as a performance SUV with exceptional dynamics, everyday usability and bold design. Winning this award endorses the talent and great work of our teams that have delivered the world's most practical sports car and Jaguar's fastest-selling vehicle."

The awards are the first overall success for Jaguar at the World Car Awards. The XE sports saloon was a finalist for the 2016 World Car Design of the Year title.

The F-PACE triumphed over finalists the Audi Q5 and Volkswagen Tiguan to claim the 2017 World Car of the Year prize.

Ian Callum, Jaguar's director of design, said: "The F-PACE is our first ever SUV but it is clearly recognisable as a Jaguar and for it to win the 2017 World Car of the Year trophy vindicates our decision to bring our unique design principles and dynamic qualities to a new sector of the market."

The World Car Awards jury comprises influential motoring journalists and to win the 2017 World Car Design of the Year prize the F-PACE saw off the Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet and Toyota C-HR in the final three.

Mike Rutherford, a juror, director and vice-chairman of the World Car Awards/World Car of the Year said: "Jaguar has done the unthinkable by first securing the World Car Design of the Year award, then lifting the big one – the overall World Car of the Year trophy. With F-PACE, the British company and its proud and talented workers have taken on and beaten far bigger, wealthier European, Asian and North American rivals."

The Jaguar F-PACE, priced from £34,730, is designed and developed in the UK and built at the Lode Lane factory in Solihull alongside Land Rover models including the Range Rover, the new Discovery and the new Range Rover Velar.

Jaguar Land Rover invested £120 million in the Solihull facility to build the F-PACE, part of a total £2 billion investment in the plant and awarded £5 billion of UK supplier contracts to support its production.

Engine options for the F-PACE range from the efficient and innovative four-cylinder 2.0-litre Ingenium diesel, with CO2 emissions as low as 126g/km to the high-performance 380ps, supercharged V6 petrol model that can accelerate from 0-62mph in just 5.5 seconds.

The World Car of the Year presentations took place in New York on the eve of this year's New York International Auto Show which runs until April 23.

New Volvo out in summer

THE new Volvo XC60 SUV goes on sale in late summer with a starting price of £37,205 for the entry-level D4 AWD Momentum version.

It is the first of Volvo's mid-sized 60 series models to be built on its scalable product architecture platform first seen on the larger XC90 SUV and is powered exclusively by Volvo's Drive-E powertrains.

The new XC60 features much of the connectivity, entertainment and safety technology from the larger 90 series cars.

At launch there will be the choice of three 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engines available – the D4 and D5 PowerPulse diesels, and the T5 petrol.

A T8 Twin Engine petrol-electric plug-in hybrid will be available later in the year.

All XC60 models will come with all-wheel drive and an eight-speed automatic gearbox as standard.

SUMMER LAUNCH: Volvo's new XC60 SUV will go on sale in late summer

The D4 offers 190bhp, combined fuel consumption of up to 55.4mpg and CO2 emissions from 133g/km. The D5 has 235bhp, combined fuel consumption of 51.4 mpg and CO2 emissions of 144g/km.

The T5 delivers 254bhp, a combined fuel economy of up to 39.2 mpg and emissions from 164g/km.

Standard equipment on entry-level Momentum variants includes leather-faced upholstery, LED headlights with active high beam, two-zone climate control, heated front seats, a powered tailgate and 18-inch alloys.

Volvo's city safety system is also fitted to every XC60. This includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian, cyclist and large animal detection, and the world-first application of Steer Assist which helps to avoid or limit the severity of collisions at low speeds by assisting with the steering in an emergency, such as when swerving to miss an obstacle.

Pilot Assist, Volvo's innovative semi-autonomous drive feature, is an option on every XC60. It assists with the steering at speeds up to 80 mph and takes care of the acceleration and braking required to keep the car within lane markings and at the desired cruising speed or distance from any vehicle in front.

Pilot Assist – also featured on Volvo's XC90, V90 and S90 models – is another step towards fully autonomous driving.

Jon Wakefield, managing director of Volvo Car UK, said: "We're incredibly excited about the new XC60. Not only does it bring all the style and advanced technology from our larger cars to our best-selling SUV, it is the latest step in Volvo's transformation."

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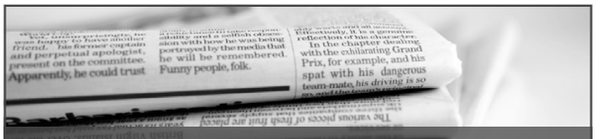

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE is given that Cambridgeshire County Council intends after seven days, to make the following Orders pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the effect of which:

Clarks Drove, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/233

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Clarks Drove, Soham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 6 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 5 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 22:00hrs 6 May to 08:00hrs 7 May 2017.

Short Road, Stretham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/237

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Short Road, Stretham as lies between Cambridge Road (A10) and Fieldside.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Wilburton Road – A1123 – A10 – Short Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 9 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 8 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 9 May and 11 May 2017.

The Borough, Haddenham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/242

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along The Borough, Haddenham as lies approximately 20m either side of number 18.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate stop tap replacement works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 15 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 14 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 15 May and 17 May 2017.

Reach Road, Burwell
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/243

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Reach Road, Burwell as lies approximately 20m either side of number 70.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Burwell Road, Reach – Fair Green – Swaffham Road – Rogers Road, Swaffham Prior – B1102 and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 15 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 14 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 15 May and 17 May 2017.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, EAST DIVISION
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/249

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along various roads, as set out in Schedule 1 below.

Nothing in this Order shall prevent access and egress from premises or land adjacent to the highway mentioned in Schedule 1.

The alternative routes are shown in Schedule 1.

The Order is necessary for safety reasons to facilitate essential carriageway maintenance works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 1 May 2017 and will continue until these works have finished or on the 8 July 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that this order will apply to the locations, at various times during the dates specified in the Schedule.

Schedule 1 – Road Closures

Anticipated dates for works	Road(s)	Diversion
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Dairy Drove, Littleport	Bells Drove – A1101 and vice versa
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Bells Drove, Littleport	Bells Drove – A1101 and vice versa
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Red Cow Drove, Littleport	Bells Drove – A1101 and vice versa
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Lower Road, Wicken	Lower Road – A1123 – Chapel Lane and vice versa
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Factory Road, Burwell	No Diversion Route
1 May 2017 to 31 October 2018	Priory Drove, Burwell	No Diversion Route

Martins Lane, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/250

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Martins Lane, Little Downham as lies at its junction with Main Street (B1411) for a distance of approximately 30m in a southerly direction.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1411 – Townsend – Cross Lane – Martins Lane and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate manhole repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 23 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 22 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 23 May and 25 May 2017.

Access to Slacks Bridge, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/252

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Access to Slacks Bridge, Soham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 6 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 5 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 22:00hrs 6 May and 08:00hrs 7 May 2017.

Victoria Street, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/259

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Victoria Street, Ely as lies approximately 25m either side of number 28.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Station Road – Broad Street and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate electrical connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 2 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 1 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 2 May and 8 May 2017.

Ten Mile Bank, Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/270

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Ten Mile Bank, Littleport as lies between number 37 and Willow Row Drove.

The alternative route for vehicles is via A10 – Money Bridge Road – Engine Road – Ten Mile Bank and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate water main connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 9 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 8 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 9 May and 23 May 2017.

Lynn Road (A10), Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/281

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road (A10), Littleport as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via A10 – A1122 – A1101 – A47 – A141 – A142 – A10 and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 14 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 13 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 00:30hrs and 08:00hrs 14 May 2017.

Silver Street, Burwell
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/294

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Silver Street, Burwell as lies between The Causeway and Buntings Path.

The alternative route for vehicles is via The Causeway – North Street – Toyse Lane and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate cable installation works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 8 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 7 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 8 May and 12 May 2017.

Downham Road (B1411), Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017/296

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Downham Road (B1411), Ely as lies between the Recreation Ground and the A10.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lawn Lane, Little Downham - Station Road – Black Bank Road, Little Downham/ Littleport – A1101 – A10 and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate resurfacing and associated works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 3 May 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 2 November 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight between 3 May and 5 May 2017.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.

The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform.

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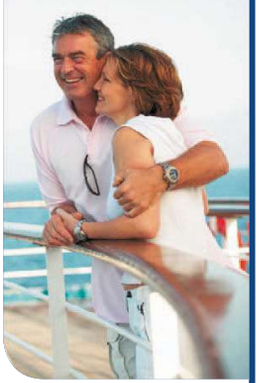

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Ely rider Bennett impresses on his return from injury

Cycling

DARREN Bennett produced a decent performance on his return from injury at the Lea Valley CC 25.

Having been sidelined for a year, the Ely & District/B&T Motor Repairs Cycling Club member clocked 55min 32sec.

He was joined at the event by two team-mates, with Philip Gosling being the quickest of them in 53.48 while Derek Ricketts recorded 55.46.

Robert Golding was the fastest Ely rider at the King's Lynn CC 25 as he crossed the line in 57.54.

The unlucky Martin Holmes and Gerd Ellsmore both suffered punctures before completing the course in 1hr 2min 32sec and 1:11.41 respectively.

The other Ely members competing were Rory Havis (59.29), John Manlow (1:05.09) and Alison Holmes (1:13.41).

There was plenty of Ely representation in the third round of the Mud, Sweat & Gears series at Henham Park, Suffolk.

Charlie Fleet was 23rd in the under-12 race, while his father Gary came 50th in the open male race.

Francesca Rust secured eighth place in the open female event, and Gordon Hollingworth, club chairman Martin Holland, Phil Peacock and Paul Harbinson performed well in the veteran and grand veteran categories.

In the sport male race, Matt Eley clinched second spot and Mike Burrell came 20th.

A busy weekend was completed by Golding and Havis at the Diss & District CC two-up 25-mile TT where they were the top team.

PEDAL POWER: Martin Holmes in action at the King's Lynn CC 25

City let lead slip in loss to Jockeys

Football

ELY City let a lead slip as they lost 3-2 to high-flying Newmarket Town in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division.

The Robins got off to a flying start when Tom Williams headed them into a second minute lead from Jamie Alsop's cross.

Ely keeper Harry Reynolds did well to keep out Eamon Hatoum's stinging shot but he was powerless to stop Austen Diaper's brilliant strike from 25 yards which levelled the scores.

Ely refused to let their heads drop though, and Kelvin Enaro restored their lead with a well-struck shot from 35 yards.

Enaro almost made it 3-1 on the stroke of half time, but his header hit the post and bounced to safety.

Newmarket improved in the second half and in the 50th minute Lewis Whitehead equalised after Luke Seaber-Shinn's cross rebounded off the crossbar.

Reynolds had to be alert to keep out two Deakan Napier shots but in the final moments a Napier cross was handled by an Ely defender.

The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, and Jack Watson coolly fired home the penalty past Reynolds to secure three points for the visitors.

On Saturday Ely drew 1-1 at Wivenhoe Town.

Enaro put the Robins in front in the second half but a late equaliser meant they had to settle for a draw.

In the Ryman League, North Division Soham Town Rangers' fight for survival will go to the wire following Monday's 1-1 draw at Bury Town.

Sam Mulready, who scored in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Tilbury, went close to opening the scoring just before the half hour when he was denied by the Bury keeper.

But there was no stopping him in the 31st minute when he ran on to player-manager Rob Mason's pass and fired into the net.

Bury made a good start to the second half and they equalised just before the hour.

Both sides exerted pressure as they looked for a winner but it stayed 1-1 at the final whistle.

Soham remain outside the relegation zone but they are two points clear of third from bottom Heybridge Swifts.

Rangers host Maldon & Tiptree on Saturday with their fate very much in the balance.

Smith seals spot in the semi-final

Boxing

RILEY Smith booked his place in the semi-finals of the senior Alliance ABAs with a convincing win over Oxford's Bradley Townsend in Earlsfield.

The Haddenham boxer was up against an experienced opponent but Smith, 18, proved to be too good from the start of the 67kg contest.

He was awarded the fight on a unanimous decision, to the delight of coach Mike Sawyer.

"Riley boxed ever so well," said Sawyer.

"He came out with some lovely straight rights and lefts.

"The boy he boxed was very good and experienced. He'd won a few junior titles in the past and had had quite a lot of bouts."

Smith really dominated the third and final round of the bout, with three or four uppercuts pushing 22-year-old Townsend's head back.

"This is a very good win for Riley," continued Sawyer.

"He did what he was told and worked hard, and he did everything correctly. It's a real confidence boost ahead of the semi-final."

Smith boxes in the semi-final against Fitzroy Lodge's Pop Khan in Clapham on April 23.

Net a place on free courses

Tennis

THE Ely-based 10is Academy is hosting free tennis courses for chidlren and adults as part of the Tennis for Kids programme.

Youngsters aged five to eight who have never played tennis will be invited to take part. They will receive certificates and stickers and if they join four out of the six lessons they will receive a new tennis racket.

The programme follows on from the success of last year's initiative which reached 13,000 youngsters across the country.

The 10is Academy sessions will be led by Sebastien Scaux, Cambs LTA's coach of the year for 2016.

He said: "I recently attended the training course for this programme which was led by Davis Cup captain Leon Smith, Alfie Hewett and Naomi Cavaday."

Play Tennis is another programme which sees the 10is Academy offer free tennis to children aged 12 and above as well as adults

For more information about Tennis for Kids and Play Tennis, email *admin@10is-academy.com*